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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army Standardization Improvement Policy, Memo 95-1 and 95-1 change 1, "Waivers for Use of Specifications and Standards"

1. References:

- a. Army Standardization Improvement Policy, Memo 95-1 and 95-1 change 1, "Waivers for Use of Specifications and Standards".
<http://www.amc.army.mil/amc/rda/milspec/policyguidance3.html>
- b. DODD 5000.1 "The Defense Acquisition System"
- c. Defense Acquisition Guidebook
- d. Defense Standardization Program Office Policy Memo 05-3 "Elimination of Waivers to Cite Military Specifications and Standards in Solicitations and Contracts"

2. The Army waiver policy contained in reference (a) is rescinded immediately based upon references (b), (c) and (d).
3. Although the waiver requirement is rescinded, I encourage Program Executive Officers, Program Managers, and others in the acquisition and technical communities to continue to use performance based acquisition documents. This includes defense performance specifications and standards, international standardization agreements, non-government standards, and commercial item descriptions.
4. The elimination of the waiver requirement is not to be interpreted as a return to the old way of doing business, but as recognition of the cultural change that took place in DoD regarding the proper application of specifications and standards. We need to ensure that those in the acquisition and logistics communities have the flexibility to assess program requirements, make good decisions and, where appropriate, require conformance to military specifications and standards.
5. Point of contact for this matter is: Karim Abdian HQ AMC, Army Standardization Manager, DSN 656-9234, Commercial 703-806-9234, e-mail karabadian@hqamc.army.mil.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ronald J. Davis, Jr.", is positioned above the printed name.

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